

# THE BIRCH BARK BLAST

## Happy New Year 2010!

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THE ALUMNI & COMMUNITY NEWS LETTER OF BIRCH ROCK CAMP

## Birch Rock Newsmaker:



Zachary Karabell '77-80

He is a gifted writer in such publications as the *Wall Street Journal*, *The Los Angeles Times*, *The New York Times* and *Newsweek*. He is the award winning author of several books: *A Visionary Nation: Four Centuries of American Dreams and What Lies Ahead*, *The Last Campaign: How Harry Truman Won the 1948 Election*, and *The Story of Muslim, Christian and Jewish Coexistence*.

He analyzes economic and political trends and is designated as a "Global Leader for Tomorrow" by the World Economic Forum. He is Zachary Karabell: author, historian, economist and fellow Birch Rocker!

Zachary came to Birch Rock Camp in 1977. Hailing from the metropolis of New York City, Zach spent four summers exploring the natural world of Maine and residential camping. A graduate of the Collegiate School, Zach continued his educational studies at Columbia, Oxford and Harvard Universities where he received his Ph.D. in American history.

Dr. Karabell continued his writing career and teaching at the University of Massachusetts at Boston and Dartmouth College, and later entered the world of economics at Fred Alger Management, a New York based investment firm. A highly talented and well-respected economist, Dr. Karabell became President of the Fred Alger and Company where was the Portfolio Manager of the China-US Growth Fund.

Recognized as a leading expert on the complicated relationship between China and the U.S., Dr. Karabell's new book *Superfusion: How China and America Became one Economy and Why the World's Prosperity Depends On It* was published by Simon & Schuster in 2009.

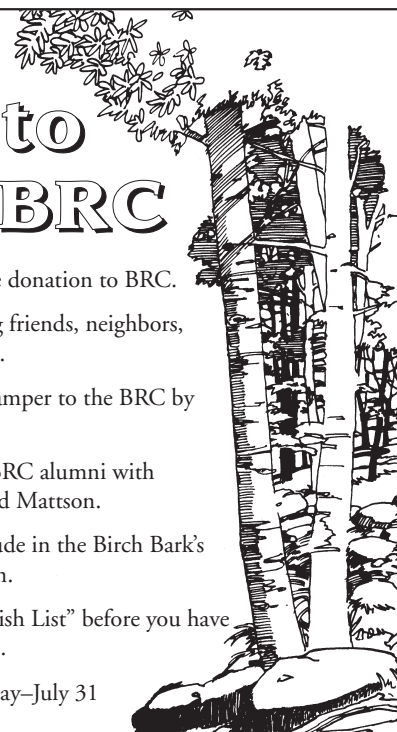
A loyal and devoted Birch Rocker, Zachary's keen intellect, insightful perspective and BRC spirit can be seen and appreciated through his regular contributions on CNN, CNBC, NBC Nightly News, Fox News and the History Channel regularly.

## BRC Dates for 2010

BRC Summer Office Opens	Tuesday, May 31, 2010
Spring Clean-up Day	Saturday, June 5, 2010
BRC Staff Orientation	Monday, June 14, 2010
C.I.T. Orientation	Saturday, June 19, 2010
BRC Opening 1st Session	Wednesday, June 23, 2010
BRC 1st Visitation Day	Sunday, July 11, 2010
BRC 1st Session Ends	Saturday, July 17, 2010
BRC Opening 2nd Session	Sunday, July 18, 2010
Cubs' Camp	Sunday, July 18, 2010
Maine Wilderness Adventure	Sunday, July 18, 2010
Cubs' Camp ends	Saturday, July 31, 2010
Alumni Day	Saturday, July 31, 2010
BRC 2nd Visitation Day	Sunday, August 1, 2010
BRC for Boys & MWA ends	Tuesday, August 10, 2010
BRC Family Camp	Friday, August 13, 2010
BRC Family Camp ends	Tuesday, August 17, 2010

## It's Easy to Help BRC

- Send a tax-deductible donation to BRC.
- Promote BRC among friends, neighbors, family and colleagues.
- Refer a prospective camper to the BRC by phone or email.
- Host a gathering of BRC alumni with Directors Deering and Mattson.
- Send us news to include in the Birch Bark's Alumni News column.
- Ask us about our "Wish List" before you have your spring yard sales.
- Join us for Alumni Day-July 31



*There are a number of exciting programs this 2010 Season at Birch Rock. What program might work for your son and his friends? We appreciate your support in being our Birch Rock Camp Ambassador*

## BOYS CAMP



Our residential boys' camp program encourages cooperation, confidence and a willingness to try new things. We challenge campers to take responsibility for their own lives and help them appreciate the needs of others in emphasizing our camp motto:

### HELP THE OTHER FELLOW.

The 2010 Boys' Camp offerings are as follows:

Full Season	June 23 – August 10	48 days
First Session	June 23 – July 17	24 days
Second Session	July 18 – August 10	24 days
Cubs (ages 7 – 10)	July 18 – July 31	14 days

## Birch Rock Family Camp



*Come One Come all.....*

*Our TENTH Season is filling up, and we hope you and your family can join us too.....*

Birch Rock's Family Camp provides an opportunity for families to experience a combination of recreation and fun in the Maine woods on McWain Pond. These special days are designed for families to retreat and refresh themselves for the "work and school" world and rediscover their own enthusiasm for lifelong learning. Most of all, Birch Rock Family Camp is a time to relax and enjoy!

Family Camp is a wonderful venue for all ages to enjoy camp life in group activities or just do your own thing! Each family member may sign up for the daily activity offerings which are facilitated by Birch Rock's talented staff. This program is offered **August 13 – 17** with flexible days of attendance.

## Maine Wilderness Adventure 2010



*July 17 – August 10, 2010*

*An extraordinary adventure and challenge in the grand state of Maine*

Birch Rock Camp's Maine Wilderness Adventure (MWA) program combines challenge, teamwork, and a genuine appreciation for the natural world in which we live. Most of all, this program provides a special opportunity to expand upon one's overall camping experience and develop skills in outdoor living and survival.

The various venues explored during this 24 day exploration include: six days of backpacking and exploring the lakes and mountains of Baxter State Park before summiting spectacular Mount Katahdin, the highest peak in Maine; five days on the St. Croix River, one of the most remote waterways of the state; followed by three days and nights you will kayak among the islands and inlets of "Downeast" Maine from Cobscook base camp; and the adventure continues for two days of climbing at Acadia National Park to ramp around the coastal hills and take a trip to the beach. The last stop is the mighty Kennebec River for a wet, wild day of laughter and screams of exhilaration as we raft through sharp turns, dramatic drops and standing waves.

The MWA Program is for boys who have completed grade 8 and have demonstrated exemplary character in their community. All applicants will be considered on a first-come basis and review of application. There is a limited enrollment of 8 boys for this outstanding adventure so act now.

*For more information on these programs,  
please visit our website:*

*www.birchrock.org or contact the  
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